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n re Application of:)
Frank BONADIO et al.) Group Art Unit: 3772
Application No.: 10/600,812) Examiner: Bianco, Patricia
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For: APPARATUS FOR USE IN SURGERY AND A VALVE))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dated: May 5, 2008

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant petitions for a three month extension of time to file a reply to the Office Action mailed November 5, 2007. A fee payment of \$1,050.00 will be paid electronically at the time of filing.

Please grant any additional extensions of time required to enter the attached reply and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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